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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

0900	Registration of Participants
1000 – 1115	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Michael Rogowski, President of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) <i>Welcome:</i> The Private Sector and Afghanistan's Development H.E. Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan <i>Speech:</i> Afghanistan – The Way Ahead Heidemarie Wieczcorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany <i>Speech:</i> Reconstructing Afghanistan: Germany's Contribution to Support the Private Sector Jean-François Rischard, Vice-President External Affairs Europe, The World Bank <i>Speech:</i> Fostering a Competitive Investment Climate in Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad, United States Ambassador and Special Presidential Envoy to Afghanistan <i>Speech:</i> Afghanistan's Recovery and the Private Sector: The US-Perspective Habib Gulzar, President & CEO, Gulzar International LLC <i>Speech:</i> The Role of Foreign Direct Investment for Afghanistan's Recovery</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i> Volker Jurowich, Speaker of German Industries for Afghanistan, North Africa Middle East Initiative of German Business (NMI)</p>
1115 – 1145	Coffee Break and Press Conference
1145 – 1300	<p>Plenary Discussion: Enabling Trade, Investment and the Private Sector – Government Vision and Strategy, Sector Priorities for Private Development, Investment Program</p> <p>H.E. M. Amin Farhang, Reconstruction Minister, Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan H.E. Ashraf Ghani, Finance Minister, Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan H.E. Sayed Mustafa Kazemi, Commerce Minister, Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan NN, Government of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i> Stephan Kinnemann, Special Advisor on Investment and Trade to Afghanistan</p>
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break

1400 – 1545	<p>Briefing Session: Afghanistan's Action Plan for Private Led Development – Agriculture and Food Processing, Transportation, Finance, Mining, Energy, Construction, Communications</p> <p>Noorullah Delawari, President & CEO, Afghan Investment Support Agency (AISA) Simon C. Bell, Sector Manager Finance and Private Sector South Asia Region, The World Bank Samuel M. Maimbo, Financial Sector Specialist Finance and Private Sector South Asia Region, The World Bank Abdelkar Allaoua, Associate Director Middle East and North Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Emily Talmon-l'Armée, The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) Michael Peter Barrow, Senior Structured Finance Specialist Private Sector Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Uwe Ohls, First Vice President South and Central Asia, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) Don Jacobson, Team Leader and Trade Policy Advisor to the Afghan Minister of Commerce, USAID / Bearingpoint Shafic Gawhari, Acting Chief of Staff, Afghan Ministry of Commerce / German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)</p> <p><i>Moderation: Alastair McKechnie</i>, Country Director for Afghanistan, The World Bank</p>
1545 – 1615	Coffee Break
1615 – 1800	<p>Plenary Discussion: Current Needs and Challenges for Private Sector Development – Government Licencing, Land Titling, Infrastructure & Services, Financing & Insurance</p> <p>Christopher Ahrens, Member of the Board, KWS Saat AG Mohd A. Aslami, Chairman and CEO Fibercore Inc / Chairman Afghan American Foundation Pierre Van Hoeylandt, Managing Director, ACAP Capital Partners (Afghan Venture Fund), London Rajan Mathews, President and Managing Director Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC), Kabul NN, Afghanistan International Bank, Den Haag / Kabul Michael Outschar, CEO, Heidelberger Druckmaschinen Osteuropa Vertriebs GmbH, Wien Nasir Shanshab, Executive Manager ATACO LLC / Afghan Traders & Industrialists Center (ATIC), Kabul Ehsan Turabaz, Chairman, Netherlands-Afghanistan Business Council, Den Haag</p> <p><i>Moderation: Noorullah Delawari</i>, President & CEO, Afghan Investment Support Agency (AISA)</p>
1800	End of Conference / Reception hosted by The World Bank

General Conference Information

Conference Language: The conference will be held in English.

Conference Fee: EUR 120,- plus 16 % VAT.

Venue: Berlin Marriott Hotel, Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1, 10785 Berlin (Potsdamer Platz), Germany, Phone +49 (30) 22000-0, Fax +49 (30) 22000-5040.

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